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SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE OF FAO COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEES, ROME, MARCH 3-5, 1976

REF: (A) ROME 2298, (B) ROME 2687, (C) ROME 2994

1. APPRECIATE YOUR THOROUGH DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT
WITH BULA HOYOS AND HOPE OUR EXPRESSED CONCERN RE COM-
POSITION OF WORKING PARTY AND CAPACITY ITS MEMBERS TO
LEARN AND PRESENT VIEWS OF FAO MEMBERSHIP WILL HAVE
INSTILLED CAUTION IN HIM. WE DO, HOWEVER HAVE SOME DOUBT
THAT OUR AMBITIOUS CHAIRMAN INTENDS HAVE "NOTHING TRANS-
PIRE" (REF B) IN PLANNING SESSION IF HE FELT THREE DAYS
REQUIRED FOR ITS WORK.

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2. ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADA HAVE RESULTED

IN CONCLUSION THAT U.S. WILL REPRESENT NORTH AMERICAN REGION IN WORKING PARTY. CANADIANS CONFIRM THEY DID PROTEST TO BULA HOYOS OVER HIS DECISION NOT TO APPOINT TWO REPS FROM EACH REGION BUT WERE UNABLE SWAY HIM. THEY HOPE U.S. WILL KEEP THEM FULLY ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE PROMISED PROVIDE TIMELY VIEWS ON ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED. SUGGEST YOU GIVE CANADIAN REP ROME

COPIES ANY MATERIAL, REPORTS, ETC., WHICH YOU MAY RECEIVE. FYI. OTTAWA INFERRED THEY WERE RECEIVING SCANT REPORTING FROM ROME ON WORKING PARTY AND OTHER ISSUES. END FYI.

3. CONCUR YOUR RECOMMENDATION REF A RE NORRED-HIGGINSON PARTICIPATION MARCH 3-5 SESSION. CONSIDER ACCREDITION UNNECESSARY AND, IN ANY EVENT, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE MAKE SESSION AS INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE.

4. FYI. DURING HIS FEBRUARY 23 MEETING IN WASHINGTON DG RAISED MATTER OF WORKING PARTY AND SAID HE HAS MADE CLEAR TO BULA HOYOS THAT HE THINKS COMPOSITION AND SIZE COUNCIL ARE ADEQUATE AT PRESENT. HE SAID HE HAS SAME VIEWS RE SIZE PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AND AGREES WITH MANNER OF SELECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN PRIVATE CAPACITY. END FYI.

5. HAVE NOTED (REF C) CHAIRMAN'S INTENTION HOLD SECOND SESSION WORKING PARTY IN JUNE. WHILE THIS UNDOUBTEDLY DESIGNED TO ALLOW SOME REPORT BE MADE TO EXTRA COUNCIL SESSION JULY IT WILL PUT PRESSURE ON WORKING PARTY TO MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THAT TIME. UNLESS BULA HOYOS INTENDS ONLY STATUS REPORT TO JULY COUNCIL BELIEVE LATER WORKING PARTY SESSION AND REPORT TO NOVEMBER COUNCIL WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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